IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(Currently Amended) A display device comprising:**

a display surface portion comprising ~~including~~ **a light emitting area on which a plurality of light emitting** elements ~~devices~~ **are** located with spaces therebetween, said spaces defining ~~arranged, and~~ **a nonluminous area** ~~formed on spaces among the arranged light emitting devices on the display surface portion~~ on which a nonluminous image is located and visible without the light emitting elements~~, said nonluminous area being formed with a nonluminous image, said nonluminous image being displayed on the nonluminous area in color; and~~

emission means for selectively causing at least one of the light emitting elements to emit light for displaying a luminous ~~so as to display an~~ **image on the display surface portion**; and

means for sensing illumination density on the display surface portion, wherein

said emission means comprises means for switching on power to said at least one light emitting element when the sensed illumination density is smaller than a predetermined threshold illumination density, and for switching off power to said at

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least one light emitting element when the sensed illumination density is larger than the predetermined threshold illumination density.

2. **(Cancelled)**

3. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~A~~ **display device according to claim 1,** further comprising a timer for generating a power supply start signal at a first predetermined time and a power supply stop signal at a second predetermined time, **wherein**

said emission means further comprises ~~includes~~ **means for** starting to supply power to said at least one light emitting element when the power supply start signal is generated by the timer, and for stopping supplying power to the at least one light emitting element when the power supply stop signal is generated by the timer~~selectively supplying a power to the at least one of the light emitting elements from a first predetermined time to a second predetermined time so that the at least one of the light emitting elements emits light only during~~

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~~a period between the first predetermined time and the second predetermined time~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~A~~ **display device according to claim** ~~3~~1, further comprising a device body on which the light emitting elements are located, **wherein**

said display surface portion comprises a front panel having a plurality of through holes, said front panel being attached to the device body so that the through holes align with respective emitting elements, and said front panel defines said nonluminous area~~said first predetermined time is a sunset time, and said second predetermined time is a sunrise time~~.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~A~~ **display device according to claim 1, further comprising a device body** on ~~to~~ **which the light emitting elements are** located~~disposed~~,

wherein said display surface portion ~~includes~~ comprises **a front panel having a plurality of through holes** ~~and a~~

~~transparent seat mounted on the front panel, said through holes corresponding to the light emitting elements, said nonluminous area being formed on the transparent seat~~, **said front panel being attached to the device body so that the through holes** align with respective ~~are opposite to the~~ **light emitting elements,** and a transparent layer is located on the front panel, said transparent layer defining said nonluminous area ~~respectively~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~A~~ **display device according to claim 6, wherein said nonluminous image on the nonluminous area of the transparent** layer comprises ~~seat is formed with~~ **transparent coloring matter.**

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~A~~ **display device according to claim** ~~2~~4**, wherein said device body** comprises ~~includes~~ **supporting members for fixedly supporting the light emitting elements,** and

~~said nonluminous area being formed on the front panel,~~ **said front panel** is ~~being~~ **attached to the supporting members of the device body so that the through holes are** aligned with

respective ~~opposite to the~~ light emitting elements~~,~~ ~~respectively~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~A~~ display device according to claim 1, wherein each of said light emitting elements is a light emitting diode.